

S.281 (Vetoed). Executive branch; systemic racism

This bill would have created a new position of Executive Director of Racial Equity within the Executive Branch to work collaboratively with and act as a liaison between the Governor's Cabinet, the Governor's Workforce Equity and Diversity Council, and the Vermont Human Rights Commission, and to work with State agencies and departments to implement a program of continuing coordination and improvement of activities in State government in order to combat systemic racial disparities and measure progress toward fair and impartial governance. The bill also would have established a Racial Equity Advisory Panel to nominate qualified candidates for the Executive Director position for the Governor's appointment, to work with and advise the Executive Director to ensure ongoing compliance with the goals of the position, and to advise the Governor on strategies for remediating systemic racial disparities in statewide systems of government.

Vetoed by the Governor: May 30, 2018

Effective Date: Not applicable